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Indo-Myanmar Rail Network
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway proposes to connect north eastern states with neighbouring countries through railways;

(b) if so, the number of new railway lines proposed to be laid for this purpose along with their location;

(c) whether there is any proposal to connect the Indian Railways with the Myanmar Rail network in the near future and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Asian Development Bank has expressed its willingness to fund the project, and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have taken up two new line projects viz. (i) from Agartala in North Eastern Region of India to Akhaura in Bangladesh sanctioned in Rail Budget 2012-13 and (ii) Construction of Haldibari (in India) to Bangladesh International Border (3 Km) included in Rail Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite Government approvals.

(c): A feasibility study was done in 2005 by Indian through Rail India Tchnical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Ministry of Railways, for a link from Jiribam in India to Kalay/Mandalay in Myanmar.

The Jiribam-Imphal section (125 Km) which falls within Indian territory has since been sanctioned and construction work taken up. Remaining portions from Imphal to Moreh (111 Km) within India and from Tamu to Kalay (128 Km) in Myanmar have not been sanctioned.

(d): No, Madam.

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